

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. In this Supplemental Amendment, the amendments to the claims are relative to claims amended in the Amendment submitted on May 15, 2009.

The amendments made herein are merely to address clerical issues that were discovered after the May 15th Amendment was submitted. For example, prior to the May 15th Amendment, claim 11 recited in part “the unprocessed information comprises data to be processed and associated information associated with the data.” In the May 15th Amendment, it was intended that the above feature be amended to replace “unprocessed information” with “processing contents data” to enhance consistencies with amendments made to independent claims. Instead, the entire feature was inadvertently deleted. This Supplemental Amendment merely corrects those types of issues.

Also for the benefit of the Examiner, example support for amendments to 6 made in the May 15th Amendment is provided. Present specification includes the following descriptions:

- “In order to perform the image data processing in each function without stagnation, printers having such advanced multifunction are provided with storing means such as a hard disk for storing information such as image data ...” (P.2 L.2-6);
- “There are cases where information handled by printers includes confidential information such as documents including trade secrets, and security measures are necessary for the information stored in the storing means by the printer ... For this reason, information such as image data can be taken out to the outside, for example, by reading out the information from

an external apparatus or detaching the storing means, so that it is difficult to maintain the confidentiality of the information being handled.” (P.3 L.6-19); and

- “The present invention is made in view of such circumstances, and an object thereof is to provide an information processing apparatus capable of maintaining the confidentiality of the information to be processed, by limiting the function to back up the stored information.” (P.3 L.22 to P.4 L.1).

Further more, a non-limiting embodiment of an information processing apparatus (e.g., a printer 1) is illustrated in Fig. 1. As illustrated, the information processing apparatus comprises: a storage part 106 that “stores the image data representative of the contents of the outputted image which is the data to be processed” (P.9, L.8-10); a management part 104 that “stores a job management table in which job information which is the associated information according to the present invention associated with the image data such as the number of copies of the outputted image is summarized” (P.9, L10-14); and a control part 101 that “refers to the management information stored in the management part 104 and controls the printer 1 based the information being referred to” (P.8, L.19-21); as well as the “resuming means”, “invalidating means”, “means for making the invalidating means operable” and “limiting means.”

As noted in the May 15th Amendment, the pending claims are all patentable over the cited references of record.

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to

be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn (Reg. No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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